



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 09/874,137 )  
Filed: June 5, 2001 )  
Applicant(s): Sakamoto et al. )  
Title: SILENT CHAIN )  
Art Unit: 3682 )  
Examiner: Charles, Marcus )  
Attorney Docket No.: DKT00123 )

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	8	-	4	**= 4	x \$ 86.00 = \$ 344.00
Total Claims	18	-	20	* = 0	x \$ 18.00 = \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims					\$ 290.00

\*\* At least 3

\* At least 20

- Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

- Charge \$344.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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Amendment dated July 6, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of February 5, 2004

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